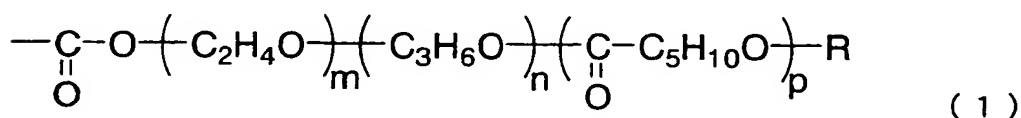


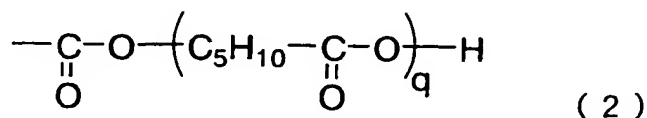
[Abstract]

[Problem] To provide an aqueous ink comprising a dispersant comprising a graft copolymer with excellent dispersibility of a dispersoid such as a pigment in an aqueous medium and is capable of maintaining a dispersion state stably for a prolonged period.

[Means for solution] Aqueous ink comprising, as a dispersant, a graft copolymer having a weight average molecular weight of from 1,000 to 100,000 and comprising: a polymer having a weight average molecular weight of from 300 to 10,000 represented by the following formula (1) or (2) as a side chain; and a polymer as a main chain comprising a hydrophobic monomer unit as an essential component, and, if necessary, other copolymerizable monomer unit as a constitutional component:



wherein the sum of m and n is 1 or more, p is 0 or 1 or more, and R is a chemical structural unit having an ionic functional group:



wherein q is 1 or more.